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Marsam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Attention: Judith U. Arnoff, R.Ph. Building 31, Olney Ave. P.O. Box 1022 Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your abbreviated antibiotic drug application dated May 21, 1987, submitted pursuant to Section 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Nafcillin Sodium for Injection, U.S.P., 500 mg, 1 g, 1.5 g, 2 g and 4 g.

We acknowledge receipt of your additional submission dated October 20, 1988.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly, the application is approved.

An expiration date of twenty-four (24) months should be used on each batch of the drug to be manufactured and packaged as described in the application.

Any significant change in the conditions outlined in this abbreviated application requires an approved supplemental application before the change may be made, except for changes made in conformance with other provisions of Section 314.70 of the New Drug Regulations.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81 of the Regulations.

This Administration should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

For Initial Campaigns: We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy which you intend to use in your immediate advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Advertising and Labeling (HFD-240). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

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NAFCILLIN SODIUM FOR INJECTION USP

DESCRIPTION

Nafcillin sodium is a semisynthetic penicillin. Although primarily designed as an antistaphylococcal penicillin, in limited clinical trials it has been shown to be effective in the treatment of infections caused by pneumococci and Group A beta-hemolytic streptococci. Because of this wide gram-positive spectrum, this product is particularly suitable for *Initial Therapy* in severe or potentially severe infections before definitive culture results are known and in which staphylococci are suspected. This product is resistant to inactivation by staphylococcal penicillinase. Following intramuscular administration in humans, it rapidly appears in the plasma, penetrates body tissues in high concentration, and diffuses well into pleural, pericardial, and synovial fluids.

Nafcillin Sodium for Injection USP is available in vial sizes of 500 mg, 1 gram, and 2 gram nafcillin sodium as the monohydrate. When constituted as directed each vial contains, respectively, 2 mL, 4 mL, or 8 mL of solution. Each mL contains nafcillin sodium equivalent to 250 mg nafcillin buffered with 10 mg sodium citrate. In addition, Nafcillin Sodium for Injection is available in piggyback containers of 1 gram, 1.5 grams, 2 grams, and 4 grams and in a bulk pharmacy container of 10 grams of nafcillin sodium as the monohydrate. See Dosage and Administration section for constitution and concentration information.

NOTE: Nafcillin Sodium for Injection USP contains 2.9 milliequivalents of sodium per gram of nafcillin as the sodium salt.

Nafcillin sodium chemically is monosodium (2S, 5R, 6R)-6-(2-ethoxy-1-naphthamido)-3, 3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0] heptane-2-carboxylate monohydrate with the following structure:

MICROBIOLOGY

Nafcillin sodium is a bactericidal penicillin which has shown activity in vitro against both penicillin-G-sensitive and penicillin-G-resistant strains of Staphylococcus aureus as well as against pneumococcus, beta-hemolytic streptococcus, and alpha streptococcus (viridans).

In experimental mouse infections induced with pneumococci, beta-hemolytic streptococci, and both penicillin-G-susceptible and penicillin-G-resistant strains of *Staph. aureus*, nafcillin sodium was compared with methicillin and oxacillin. Regardless of the route of drug administration (intramuscular or oral), nafcillin sodium was consistently and significantly more effective than the other two penicillins.

The fate of a penicillin-G-resistant strain of Staph. aureus was determined in the kidneys of mice treated with penicillin G, methicillin, and nafcillin sodium. Animals injected with the nafcillin sodium showed negative cultures after the fourteenth day, whereas positive kidney cultures were obtained during the entire 28-day period from mice treated with penicilin G and methicillin.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Nafcillin sodium is relatively nontoxic for animals. The acute LD₅₀ of this product by oral administration in rats and mice was greater than 5 g/kg; by intramuscular administration in rats, 2800 mg/kg; by intraperitoneal administration in rats, 1240 mg/kg; and by intravenous administration in mice, 1140 mg/kg. The intraperitoneal LD₅₀ in dogs is 600 mg/kg. Animal studies indicated that local tissue responses following intramuscular administration of 25% solutions were minimal and resembled those of penicillin G rather than methicillin.

Animal studies indicate that antibacterial amounts are concentrated in the bile, kidney, lung, heart, spleen, and liver. Eighty-four percent of an intravenously administered dose can be recovered by biliary cannulation and 13 percent by renal excretion in 24 hours. High and prolonged tissue levels can be demonstrated by both biological activity assays and C¹⁴ distribution patterns.

At comparable dosage, intramuscular absorption of this product is nearly equivalent to that of intramuscular methicilin. Blood concentrations may be tripled by the concurrent use of probenecid. Clinical studies with nafcillin sodium monohydrate in infants under three days of age and prematures have revealed higher blood levels and slower rates of urinary excretion than in older children and adults.

Studies of the effect of this product on reproduction in rats and rabbits have been completed and reveal no fetal or maternal abnormalities. These studies include the observation of the effects of administration of the drug before conception and continuously through weaning (one generation).

Disc Susceptibility Tests

Quantitative methods that require measurement of zone diameters give the most precise estimates of antibiotic susceptibility. One such procedure* has been recommended for use with discs for testing susceptibility to penicillinase-resistant penicillin-class antibiotics. Interpretations correlate diameters on the disc test with MIC values for penicillinase-resistant penicillins. With this procedure, a report from the laboratory of "susceptible" indicates that the infecting organism is

*Bauer, A.W., Kirby, W.M.M., Sherris, J. C., and Turck, M.: Antibiotic Testing by a Standardized Single-Discs Method, Am. J. Clin. Pathol., 45:493, 1966; Standardized Disc Susceptibility Test, FEDERAL REGISTER 37:20527-29, 1972. likely to respond to therapy. A report of "resistant" indicates that the infecting organism is not likely to respond to therapy. A report of "intermediate susceptibility" suggests that the organism would be susceptible if high dosage is used, or if the infection is confined to tissues and fluids (e.g., urine) in which high antibiotic levels are attained.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Although the principal indication for nafcillin sodium is in the treatment of infections due to penicillinase-producing staphylococci, it may be used to initiate therapy in such patients in whom a staphylococcal infection is suspected. (See Important Note below.)

Bacteriologic studies to determine the causative organisms and their sensitivity to nafcillin sodium should be performed.

In serious, life-threatening infections, oral preparations of the penicillinase-resistant penicillins should not be relied on for initial therapy.

IMPORTANT NOTE

When it is judged necessary that treatment be initiated before definitive culture and sensitivity results are known, the choice of nafcillin sodium should take into consideration the fact that it has been shown to be effective only in the treatment of infections caused by pneumococci, Group A beta-hemolytic streptococci, and penicillin-G-resistant and penicillin-G-sensitive staphylococci. If the bacteriology report later indicates the infection is due to an organism other than a penicillin-G-resistant staphylococcus sensitive to nafcillin sodium, the physician is advised to continue therapy with a drug other than nafcillin sodium or any other penicillinase-resistant, semisynthetic penicillin.

Recent studies have reported that the percentage of staphylococcal isolates resistant to penicillin G outside the hospital is increasing, approximating the high percentage of resistant staphylococcal isolates found in the hospital. For this reason, it is recommended that a penicillinase-resistant penicillin be used as initial therapy for any suspected staphylococcal infection until culture and sensitivity results are known.

Methicillin is a compound that acts through a mechanism similar to that of nafcillin sodium against penicillin-G-resistant staphylococci. Strains of staphylococci resistant to methicillin have existed in nature, and it is known that the number of these strains reported has been increasing. Such strains of staphylococci have been capable of producing serious disease, in some instances resulting in fatality. Because of this there is concern that widespread use of the penicillinase-resistant penicillins may result in the appearance

of an increasing number of staphylococcal strains which are resistant to these penicillins.

Methicillin-resistant strains are almost always resistant to all other penicillinase-résistant penicillins (cross-resistance with cephalosporin derivatives also occurs frequently). Resistance to any penicillinase-resistant penicillin should be interpreted as evidence of clinical resistance to ail, in spite of the fact that minor variations in in vitro sensitivity may be encountered when more than one penicillinase-resistant penicillin is tested against the same strain of staphylococcus.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

A history of allergic reaction to any of the penicillins is a con-

WARNINGS

Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity (anaphylactoid) reactions have been reported in patients on penicillin therapy. Although anaphylaxis is more frequent following parenteral therapy, it has occurred in patients on oral penicillins. These reactions are more apt to occur in individuals with a history of sensitivity to multiple allergens.

There have been reports of individuals with a history of penicillin hypersensitivity reactions who have experienced severe hypersensitivity reactions when treated with a cephalosporin. Before therapy with a penicillin, careful inquiry should be made concerning previous hypersensitivity reactions to penicillins, cephalosporins, and other allergens: If an allergic reaction occurs, appropriate therapy should be instituted, and discontinuation of nafcillin therapy considered. The usual agents (antihistamines, pressor amines, corticosteroids) should be readily available.

PRECAUTIONS

As with any potent drug, periodic assessment of organ-systern function, including renal, hepatic and hematopoietic, should be made during prolonged therapy.

The possibility of bacterial and fungal overgrowth should be kept in mind during long-term therapy. If overgrowth of resistant organisms occurs, appropriate measures should be

The oral route of administration should not be relied upon in patients with severe illness, or with nausea, vomiting, gastric dilatation, cardiospasm, or intestinal hypermotility. Safety for use in pregnancy has not been established. Particular care should be taken with intravenous administration because of the possibility of thrombophlebitis.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Reactions to nafcillin sodium have been infrequent and mild in nature. As with other penicillins, the possibility of an anaphylactic reaction or serum-sickness-like reactions should be considered. A careful history should be taken. Patients with histories of hay fever, asthma, urticaria, or previous sensitivity to penicillin are more likely to react adversely.

Transient leukopenia, neutropenia with evidence of granulocytopenia or thrombocytopenia are infrequent and usually associated with prolonged therapy with high doses of penicillin. These alterations have been noted to return to normal

The few reactions associated with the intramuscular use of nafcillin sodium have been skin rash, pruritus, and possible drug fever.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

It is recommended that parenteral therapy be used initially in severe infections. The patient should be placed on oral therapy with this product as soon as the clinical condition warrants. Very severe infections may require very high doses. Intravenous Route: 500 mg every 4 hours in adults; double the dose if necessary in very severe infections.

The required amount of drug should be diluted in 15 to 30 mL of Sterile Water for Injection USP, or Sodium Chloride Injection USP, and injected over a 5-to 10 minute period. This may be accomplished through the tubing of an intravenous

To add nafcillin sodium to an intravenous solution, constitute the vials as directed under "How Supplied"teral Administration." Add the constituted vial contents immediately to the intravenous solution or within 8 hours following constitution if the vials are kept at room temperature (25°C) or within 48 hours following constitution if the vials are kept at refrigeration (2°-8° C).

Stability studies on nafcillin sodium at concentrations of 2 mg/mL to 40 mg/mL in the following intravenous solutions indicate the drug will lose less than 10% activity at room temperature (70°F) or, if kept under refrigeration, during

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STABILITY OF Sterile Water	ROOM TEMPERATURE	REFRIGERATION
for Injection Isotonic sodium chloride	24 hours	96 hours
5% dextrose in water 5% dextrose in 0.4% sodium chloride	24 hours 24 hours	96 hours 96 hours
solution Ringer's solution M/6 sodium lactate solution	24 hours 4 hours	96 hours 96 hours
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ter 24 hours if kept at room temperature or after 96 hours if kept under refrigeration.

Only those solutions listed above should be used for the intravenous infusion of Nafcillin Sodium. The concentration of the antibiotic should fall within the range of 2 to 40 mg/mL The drug concentrate and the rate and volume of the infusion should be adjusted so that the total dose of nafcillin is administered before the drug loses its stability in the solution in

There is no clinical experience available on the use of this agent in neonates or infants for this route of administration. This route of administration should be used for relatively short-term therapy (24-48 hours) because of the occasional occurrence of thrombophlebitis, particularly in elderly pa-

PIGGYBACK UNITS (for Intravenous Drip Use)—As diluents, use the following solutions: Sterile Water for Injection, Isotonic Sodium Chloride, 5% dextrose in water, 5% dextrose in

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0.4% sodium chloride solution, Ringer's solution, or M/6 sodium lactate solution.

Add a minimum of 49 mL diluent and shake well. If lower concentrations are desired, the solution could be further diluted with up to a total of 99 mL of diluent.

Amount of Diluent Concentration of Solution 20 mg/mL 49 mL 10 mg/mL 99 mL

1.5-GRAM BOTTLE

Add a minimum of 49 mL diluent and shake well. If lower concentrations are desired, the solution could be further diluted with up to a total of 99 mL of diluent.

Amount of Diluent Concentration of Solution 30 mg/mL 49 mL 15 mg/mL 99 mL

2-GRAM BOTTLE

Add a minimum of 49 mL diluent and shake well. If lower concentrations are desired, the solution could be further diluted with up to a total of 99 mL of diluent.

Amount of Diluent	Concentration of Solution
49 mL	40 mg/mL
99 mL	20 mg/mL

4-GRAM BOTTLE

Add 97 mL diluent and shake well. The resulting solution will contain 40 mg/mL

The resulting solutions may then be administered alone or with the intravenous solutions listed above. Discard unused solution after 24 hours at room temperature (70° F) or 96 hours if kept under refrigeration. Administer piggyback through an IV tubing very slowly (at least 30-60 minutes) to avoid vein irritation.

At times it may be desired to use the contents of the piggyback bottles for addition to large-volume IV fluids. In this case the entire vial contents should be dissolved in not less than 25 mL of Sterile Water for Injection. Use the resulting concentration within 24 hours when kept at room temperature or within 96 hours when kept under refrigeration.

This package is designed for use in the pharmacy for preparing IV additives. Add 93 mL Sterile Water for Injection USP or isotonic Sodium Chloride Injection USP. Shake vial after adding diluent and before using. The resulting solution will contain 100 mg nafcillin activity and 4 mg sodium citrate, as a buffer, per mL. Use solution within 8 hours if stored at room temperature (25° C) or 48 hours if stored under refrigeration (2°-8° C).

THIS PACKAGE IS NOT TO BE DISPENSED AS A UNIT.

INTRAMUSCULAR ROUTE

500 mg every 6 hours in adults; decrease the interval to 4 hours if necessary in severe infections. In infants and children, a dose of 25 mg/kg (about 12 mg per pound) twice daily is usually adequate. For neonates 10 mg/kg is recommended twice daily.

To constitute see directions and table below.

The clear solution should be administered by deep intragluteal injection immediately after constitution. After constitution, keep refrigerated (2°8° C) and use within 7 days, keep at room temperature (25° C) and use within 3 days or keep frozen (-20° C) for up to 3 months.

When constituted as recommended (see table below) with Sterile Water for Injection USP, Sodium Chloride Injection USP, or Bacteriostatic Water for Injection USP, with parabens or with benzyl alcohol, each vial contains, respectively, 2 mL, 4 mL or 8 mL of solution. Each mL contains nafcillin sodium equivalent to 250 mg nafcillin buffered with 10 mg sodium ci-

•	Amount of	Nafcillin Sodium
Vial Size	Diluent	Solution
500 ma	1.7 mL	2 mL
1 gram	3.4 mL	4 mL
2 gram	6.8 mL	8 mL

Parenteral products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration whenever solution and container permit.

HOW SUPPLIED

Nafcillin Sodium for Injection USP, as the monohydrate, buffered with sodium citrate, equivalent to 500 mg, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, or

10 grams nafcillin per vial is available as follows: NDC 0003-2987-10 - 500 mg vial packaged in 10s NDC 0003-2989-10 - 1 gram vial packaged in 10s NDC 0003-2989-20 - 1 gram piggyback packaged in 10s NDC 0003-2990-20 - 1.5 gram piggyback packaged in 10s NDC 0003-2991-10 - 2 gram vial packaged in 10s NDC 0003-2991-20 - 2 gram piggyback packaged in 10s NDC 0003-2992-20 - 4 gram piggyback packaged in 10s

NDC 0003-2993-25 - 10 gram pharmacy bulk package packaged in 10s

STORAGE

Store sterile powder at controlled room temperature 15°-30° C (59°-86° F).

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Nafcillin Sodium for Injection, U.S.P.

Marsam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Material reviewed: A-008 dated October 20, 1988

Applicant's submission contains final printed labeling

- 1. Package insert - satisfactory.
- 2. Container label

500 mg vial -satisfactory.

- l g vial satisfactory.
- 2 g vial satisfactory.
- 1 g piggyback vial satisfactory.
- 1.5 g piggyback vial satisfactory.
 - 2 g piggyback vial satisfactory. 4 g piggyback vial satisfactory.
- Exhibit Sample testing results satisfactory. See memo from HFD-473 3. dated August 8, 1988
- Establishment Evaluation Request satisfactory.

Recommendation - the application can be approved.

John M. Singer

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Re: ANDA# 62-844 Nafcillin Sodium for Injection USP

Dear Mr. Singer: -

The purpose of this letter is to amend the referenced application. We are submitting Final Printed Labeling which you requested when I discussed this application with you on August 30, 1988.

We are enclosing 12 copies (9 mounted and 3 enveloped) of container and package insert labeling for the referenced drug product. Carton labeling will be done in-line via ink jet as we discussed on June 29, 1988.

I hope this material which is submitted adequately responds to your requests and that we may receive a prompt approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Judith U. Arnoff, RPh

Vice President

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